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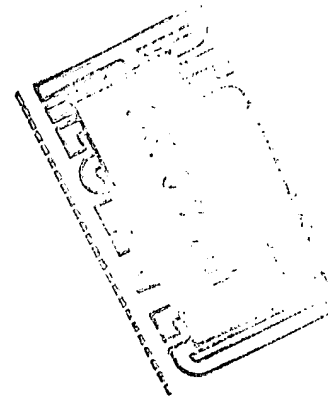
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,999,902
- (2) Europe 789,349
- (3) Europe 849,723
- (4) United Kingdom 2,349,260
- (5) WO 00/31723

(6) Gerber, C., "A General Approach to Speech Recognition",
Proceedings of the Final Workshop on Multimedia Information Retrieval (Miro '95), Glasgow, Scotland (September 18-20, 1995) pp. 1-12.



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Documents (1) to (6) were cited during prosecution of related European patent applications. Copies of the communications from the European Patent Office dated October 6, 2003, together with the European Search Reports forwarded therewith, are enclosed. In view of the dates of the communications from the European Patent Office, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The subject application has received a Notice Of Allowance, however payment of the issue fee has not yet been made. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), and is therefore believed to be timely filed. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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